

REMARKS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 12, 2006. In that Office Action, claims 41-58 were examined. Claims 41-58 were rejected, and claims 42 and 51 were objected to. More specifically, claims 42 and 51 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim; claims 41-47, 49-56, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 203(a) as being unpatentable over Craig et al. (USPN 6,757,708), hereinafter "Craig," in view of W3C's "Metadata Activity Statement," dated 5/8/2000, hereinafter "W3C;" and claims 48 and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Craig in view of W3C, further in view of W3C's "Web Services Description Language (WSDL) 1.1", dated 3/15/2001, hereinafter "WSDL." Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 41 and 50 have been amended, claims 42 and 51 have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 41, 43-50, 52-58 remain present for examination. Claim amendments have been made to more expeditiously forward the application to allowance. Applicants do not admit that amendments were made to overcome the cited prior art and reserve the right to file broader claims in subsequent continuation applications.

Claim Objections – 37 CFR 1.75

Claims 42 and 51 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 42 and 51 have been cancelled. Thus, the claim objection is rendered moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 41-47, 49-56, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Craig, in view of W3C. Claims 48 and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Craig in view of W3C, and further in view of WSDL.

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Lesniewski for his time and cooperation in the telephonic interview conducted on August 22, 2006 with Applicant's Representative Tadd Wilson. During the interview, a short presentation of the present invention, as embodied in the claims, the prior art and the differences between the present invention, as embodied in the claims, and the prior art was given. The discussion turned to proposed amendments. After some discussion on how to clarify certain claim terms, a set of amended claims was agreed upon. Examiner Lesniewski stated that the proposed amendments would overcome Craig and the present rejections. As such, the proposed claim amendments are as provided above in the amended claims. Again, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Lesniewski for his assistance.

This Amendment fully responds to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2006. Still, that Office Action may contain arguments and rejections and that are not directly addressed by this Amendment due to the fact that they are rendered moot in light of the

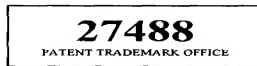
preceding arguments in favor of patentability. Hence, failure of this Amendment to directly address an argument raised in the Office Action should not be taken as an indication that the Applicants believe the argument has merit. Furthermore, the claims of the present application may include other elements, not discussed in this Amendment, which are not shown, taught, or otherwise suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, the preceding arguments in favor of patentability are advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

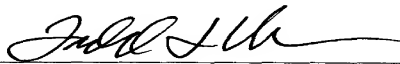
It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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